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SUBJECT: INNER-GERMAN PACKAGE AGREEMENT: ALLIED
RIGHTS ON HELMSTEDT AUTOBAHN DURING CON-
STRUCTION

REF: USBERLIN 0051

1. DURING CALL BY CHAIRMAN POLAD(BRITISH) JAN 16 TO DELIVER
ALLIED RESPONSE ON SOVIET PROTEST TO ELECTORAL COURT
DECISION (SEPTTEL), SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELLOR
KHOTOLEV BROUGHT UP ALLIED STATEMENT JANUARY 8 ON
PROTECTION OF ALLIED TRANSIT RIGHTS DURING HELMSTEDT
AUTOBAHN CONSTRUCTION(REFTTEL). KHOTULEV SAID THAT
ALLIES WOULD USE SAME TEMPORARY DETOURS AS OTHER
TRAFFIC BUT THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEMS AND
SOVIETS WERE NOT TRYING TO CAUSE DIFFICULTIES. HE
SAID SOVIETS WOULD PROVIDE ALLIES WITH INFORMATION ON
DETOURS WHEN NECESSARY AND THAT THIS WAS A PURELY
TECHNICAL MATTER. KHOTULEV ALSO INDICATED THAT IT HAD
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BEEEN HIS INTENTION TO GIVE CHAIRMAN POLAD SMALL PIECE

OF PAPER ON THESE POINTS BUT THAT HE HAD BEEN
CAUGHT UNPREPARED BY HASTILY ARRANGED APPOINTMENT.

2. COMMENT: WE VIEW SOVIET RESPONSE AS SATISFACTORY
AND BELIEVE THAT ALLIES, HAVING MADE THEIR POINT, CAN
NOW WAIT TO SEE HOW THINGS WILL GO IN PRACTICE.GEORGE

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